



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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FRIDAY MARCH 22, 2024 AT 1:30 P.M.

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**(By the Member for Tunapuna)**

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

**Motions:**

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday January 26, 2024 will be resumed:**

**WHEREAS** it is the duty of the Government to provide safe, reliable, and compassionate healthcare services for all citizens;

**AND WHEREAS** the provision of human resources has not adequately met the demands for public health care resulting in patients being subjected to long waiting times and the postponement of clinic visits and surgeries;

**AND WHEREAS** healthcare professionals do not have access to modern information technology systems, lack access to suitable drugs, equipment, and facilities to deliver modern and advanced healthcare;

**AND WHEREAS** health care workers have endured physical and mental stress in the delivery of public healthcare services:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House call on Government to implement measures to immediately improve the delivery of healthcare services to the people of Trinidad and Tobago and to address mismanagement in the healthcare sector.

**(By the Member for Caroni East)**

2. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday March 01, 2024 will be resumed:**

**WHEREAS** in accordance with the Education Act Chap. 39:01, the Government has the responsibility for managing the education system;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has overseen the deterioration of the educational sector and has failed to:

- a. maintain our school infrastructure;
- b. implement data driven measures to make the delivery of special education more equitable and accessible to the citizenry;
- c. optimize curriculum development to reflect our labour needs;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has limited access to technical vocational training and qualifications:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House condemn the Government for its failures and mismanagement of the education system;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this House call on the Government to immediately implement data driven measures to guarantee the successful future development of Trinidad and Tobago.  
**(By the Member for Tabaquite)**

3. **WHEREAS** the Government has signalled that electricity and water rates are set to be increased;

**AND WHEREAS** citizens should have access to affordable public utilities given the rate of unemployment, increase in crime and high food prices;

**AND WHEREAS** the state has a responsibility to ensure citizens of Trinidad and Tobago have a reliable and affordable supply of electricity and water;

**AND WHEREAS** both the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission (T&TEC) and the Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA) are owed billions of dollars in debt mainly by the State:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House call upon Government to settle its indebtedness to T&TEC and WASA and immediately halt increases to public utility rates.

**(By the Member for Princes Town)**

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Motions:

1. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 9 of the Beekeeping and Bee Products Act, Chap. 67:53 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the Minister may make Regulations, *inter alia*, restricting and regulating the importation or exportation of bees, bee products and bee supplies into or out of Trinidad and Tobago;

**AND WHEREAS** it is also provided by section 9 of the Act that Regulations made under that section shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;

**AND WHEREAS** the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries has on the 24th day of November, 2023 made the Beekeeping and Bee Products (Amendment) Regulations, 2023;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient that the Beekeeping and Bee Products (Amendment) Regulations, 2023 now be affirmed:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Beekeeping and Bee Products (Amendment) Regulations, 2023 be approved.

**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**

2. **WHEREAS** section 13(1) of the Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority Act, 2021 (Act No. 17 of 2021) provides, *inter alia*, that the Minister shall, by Notification subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament, appoint the Director General and such number of Deputy Directors General of the Authority as are required;

**AND WHEREAS** the Minister of Finance has, by Notification dated the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024, appointed **Mrs. Patsy Latchman-Atterbury** to the office of Director General of the Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority with effect from the date of her assumption of duty in that office;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the Notification:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Notification of the appointment of **Mrs. Patsy Latchman-Atterbury** to the office of Director General of the Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority be approved.

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

3. **WHEREAS** section 13(1) of the Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority Act, 2021 (Act No. 17 of 2021) provides, *inter alia*, that the Minister shall, by Notification subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament, appoint the Director General and such number of Deputy Directors General of the Authority as are required;

**AND WHEREAS** the Minister of Finance has, by Notification dated the 15th day of March, 2024,

appointed **Mrs. Helen Thomas-Brown** to the office of Deputy Director General–Domestic Tax of the Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority with effect from the date of her assumption of duty in that office;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the Notification:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Notification of the appointment of **Mrs. Helen Thomas-Brown** to the office of Deputy Director General–Domestic Tax of the Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority be approved.

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

4. **WHEREAS** section 13(1) of the Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority Act, 2021 (Act No. 17 of 2021) provides, *inter alia*, that the Minister shall, by Notification subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament, appoint the Director General and such number of Deputy Directors General of the Authority as are required;

**AND WHEREAS** the Minister of Finance has, by Notification dated the 15th day of March, 2024, appointed **Mr. Riad Juman** to the office of Deputy Director General–Customs and Excise of the Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority with effect from the date of his assumption of duty in that office;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the Notification:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Notification of the appointment of **Mr. Riad Juman** to the office of Deputy Director General–Customs and Excise of the Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority be approved.

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

5. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House consider the findings and recommendations of the Forty-Fifth Annual Report of the Ombudsman.

**(By the Leader of the House)**

### **Bills Second Reading:**

1. **The debate on the Second Reading of the following Bill which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday February 16, 2024 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Judicial and Legal Service Act, Chap. 6:01, the Prison Service Act, Chap. 13:02, the Defence Act, Chap. 14:01, the Police Service Act, Chap. 15:01, the Civil Service Act, Chap. 23:01, the Fire Service Act, Chap. 35:50 and the Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago Act, Chap. 72:01 to provide a regulatory framework for polygraph and drug testing and biometric identification for members of the Protective Services and certain offices in the Judicial and Legal Service and the Civil Service and for other related matters”.

**(By the Minister of National Security)**

2. A Bill entitled, “An Act to combat corruption and other wrongdoings by encouraging and facilitating disclosures of improper conduct in the public and private sector, to protect persons making those disclosures from detrimental action, to regulate the receiving, investigating or otherwise dealing with disclosures of improper conduct and to provide for other matters connected therewith”.

**(By the Prime Minister)**

3. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, Chap. 4:01 and the Criminal Procedure Act, Chap. 12:02 in relation to the place and time for sittings of a court and to provide for

related matters”.

**(By the Attorney General)**

4. A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago”.

**(By the Attorney General)**

**Committee Stage:**

1. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to accord self-government to Tobago and for related matters”.

**(By the Prime Minister)**

2. A Bill entitled, “An Act to repeal the Tobago House of Assembly Act, Chap. 25:03, and to provide for the powers and functions of the Tobago Island Government and the Tobago Legislature and for related matters”.

**(By the Minister of Housing and Urban Development)**

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**March 19, 2024**